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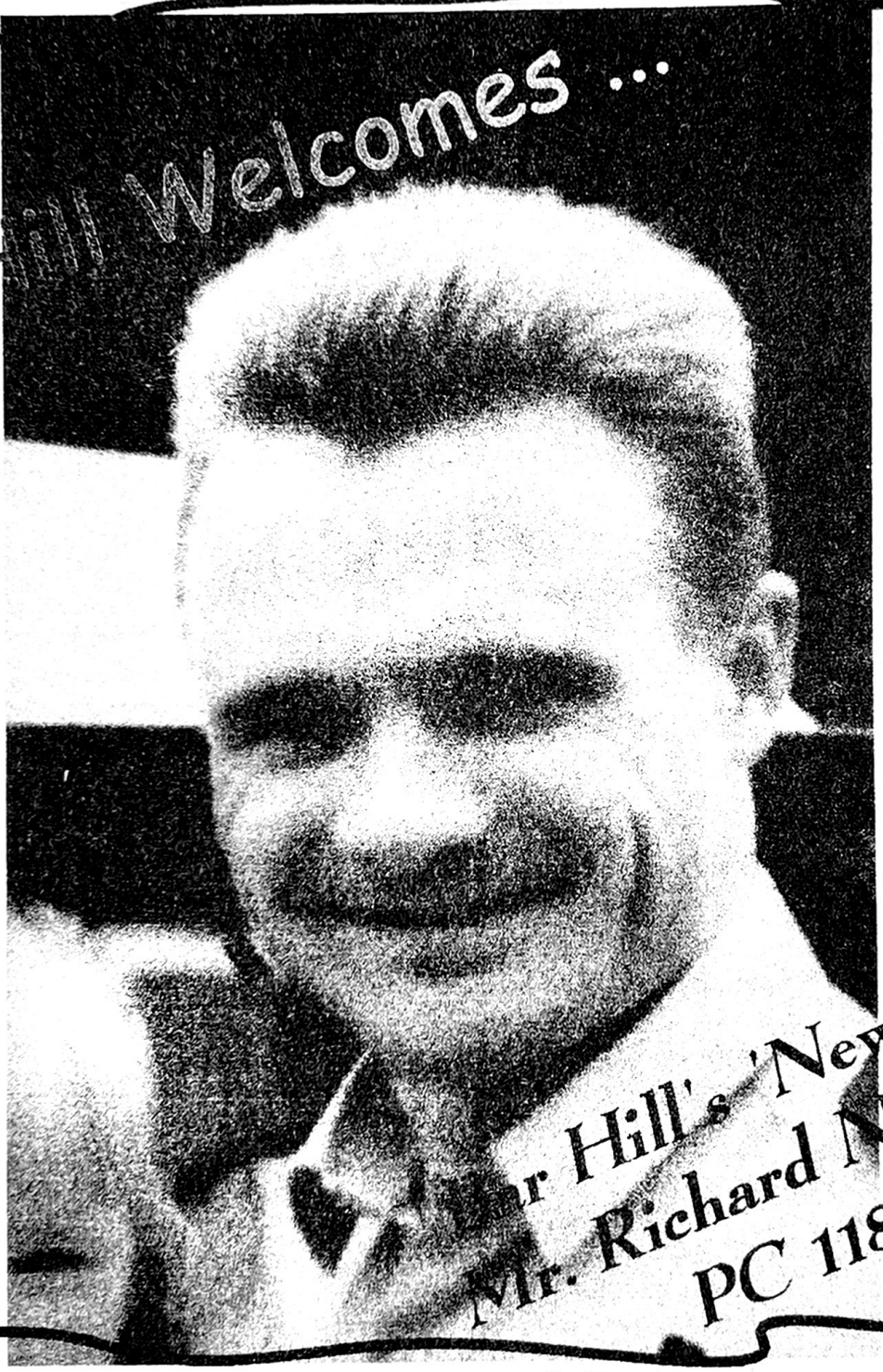

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Bar Hill News 'Copy' Dates and Charges

What	Who	Tel.	Where	When	Cost
Articles & "What's On	Mrs. M. J. Carpenter	200941	48 Foxhollow	15th of month	free
Domestic Ads	Mrs. M. J. Carpenter	200941	48 Foxhollow	15th of month	50p
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Sunday 22nd March 10.00 am

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Health Visitors - 781855

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Health Centre (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00
The Health Centre (pm)	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00
Dr. R. A. Newsom (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00
Dr. R. A. Newsom (pm)	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	4.00 - 6.00	
Dr. J. Hassan (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00
Dr. J. Hassan (pm)	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00		4.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00
Practice Nurse (am)	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00
Practice Nurse (pm)	4.00 - 6.00	3.30 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	4.00 - 6.00
Child Immunisation (Practice Nurse)	3.00 pm				
Physiotherapist	8.40 am	3.00 pm			
Midwife ((Antenatals)	2.00 pm				
Child Health Clinic - Health Visitor		10.15 - 11.45[1]			
Child Health Clinic - Doctor				3.00 - 4.00	
Dietition		9.30 - 12.30[3]			
Orthoptist		9.00 - 12.30[2]			9.00 - 12.30[3]
Psychiatric Doctor					2.00 - 4.30[5]
Psychiatric Nurse			2.00 pm		
CAMTAD		9.00 - 12.00[4]			

(1) - Child Health Clinic - Health Visitor is in the School Lounge
(2) - 2nd in the month
(3) - 3rd in the month
(4) - 4th in the month
(5) - 2nd & 4th in the month

Saturdays: Emergencies only at 1, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.
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2 The Mall

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The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thu. 19th February 7.30 pm at 2 The Mall.

Precept 1998/99 - It was agreed that the Precept for the next financial year will be £50,000 - a reduction from the previous year.

Play Equipment - New equipment will replace the swings and seesaw on the Village Green. Safety surfacing will also be installed and replaced. This work will take place over the Easter holidays and will necessitate the area being closed while the work is undertaken.

Village Millennium Committee - A Village Committee is to be set up to co-ordinate events being held by organizations to mark the new millennium. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting of those interested.

Overnight Lorry Parking - Andrew Lansley MP has agreed to visit the Village to see, at first hand, the Bar Hill lorry problem.

A14 trunk road noise - Bar Hill has been invited to discuss the extent of 'road noise' experienced by Villages alongside the A14.

Shed to rear of Old Farmhouse - It was decided that this shed will, in the future be demolished and replaced by some form of shelter.

Mrs. C. McDermott, Clerk to the Parish Council
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3	Apr	End of term Disco

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Remember, membership only costs £1.00 per term plus 50p entry each week. For more details, simply come along to the Octagon or telephone Ian (**789351**).

Neighbourhood Watch
Village Hall
Thursday April 23rd at 8.30 pm.

Anyone interested is most welcome to attend this meeting

Two things have been brought to my attention regarding possible problems in Bar Hill:

1. If you leave your car unattended please ensure that all doors are locked, including boots and hatchbacks. Any valuables which must be left in the vehicle should be out of sight in a locked glove box or under a seat.

2. Don't let any salesman/workman into your home unless you are sure they are genuine. If you are unsure keep them outside whilst you check with their office or with the police. Get the 'phone number from the 'phone book and not from the person calling at your home.

IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT.

Anyone requiring any information on Neighbourhood watch, please contact me.

*John Revell **201258***

Dear Bar Hill Residents

As you are probably aware, Bar Hill has been featured fairly heavily in the local papers recently on the subject of lorry parking. I feel that as a village it is important for the community to call for a weight restriction from the Council, so that the Police can enforce it. After all, the cost of clearing the litter and repairing the damage comes out of your Parish budget!

Crime-wise, watch out for persons asking to test water, claiming to be from AWA, and theft of fuel from the business park. Remember - "If in doubt, keep them out", and make a note of any vehicles or the person(s) description(s), to pass on to me or your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Finally, as the weather changes for the better, think of security. Remember to shut windows/doors etc. and where possible mark and note any valuable property. One of your local villages has suffered a spate of vehicle crime - let's not be next!

PC 1187 Richard Newman.

Do you want to be an Army Cadet ?

If you are 13 or older then contact Staff Sergeant David Barrett on **780305** or come along one Thursday evening at 7.30 pm to Oakington Barracks.

Easter camp is coming up soon and this year S/Sgt Barrett is planning it. We will be flying in helicopters and we also have a couple of snipers from the Royal Anglians coming along to join in the fun. If you wish to go, join the Cadets now !

Letters to the Editor

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Liberal Democrats

A tribute to Geoff Rushton

We are deeply saddened to report the loss of Geoff Rushton, one of the most committed local campaigners you're ever likely to find. He suffered a stroke on 1st February and was rushed to Hinchingbrooke Hospital, but, he died soon afterwards - on his birthday.

Geoff was a long serving member of the Liberal Democrats and Charter 88 amongst other organizations. He took the mantle of justice, whether it be crusading at local election time or furthering a national cause.

Geoff's effectiveness as a campaigner was legendary. Whilst canvassing in Oakington for the local elections, a voter tore up our candidate's leaflet in Geoff's face. Tenaciously, Geoff asked him whether he realized what he had just done ... he hadn't even bothered to read it. Geoff offered the man another chance - this time he took the leaflet and read it quietly.

Geoff regularly achieved national notoriety, alongside his wife Audrey, with their dogged resistance against inequity and hardship. In the early nineties, Geoff became a ***cause célèbre*** when, after being recently made redundant, he was prosecuted for non-payment of **his wife's** poll tax, rather than his own. The media 'massed' outside the courtroom as Geoff was handed a prison sentence. The judiciary appeared not to care that his disabled and dependant wife was little able to pay and would be left without a primary carer. With principle and dignity intact he went to jail; however, he was released the same day after a supporter helped out financially.

In 1996 the Rushtons again became celebrities when the BBC programme 'Kilroy' and the national newspapers covered Geoff and Audrey's stand against VAT on domestic fuel and the effect on pensioners.

Geoff's inclination for fairness and justice was also expressed in his concern for the homeless and dispossessed and his work for Charity. He was a devoted husband, however, and his commitment to Audrey always relegated his other activities into the background whenever her illness became a burden to her.

His selflessness was even to follow him into death as Geoff has left his body to medical research.

A very modest man but with such importance, his life was celebrated in a service at Fen Drayton Parish Church.

Tom Lee and Tom Flanagan

Dear editor,

Never in the 29 years we have lived in Bar Hill have we seen it looking so bad. **Its centre is a slum and its roads a lorry park!**

Like many of you we cannot show our Village to friends, particularly those from abroad, with any degree of pride and confidence.

Twenty nine years ago, we envisaged a village where every house was adjacent to a green area, where shops catered for every need, where there were office facilities for professional and comercial practices, where roads were for access to and from the Village, and where there was a Village Centre designed for residents. In short, everything a small town of 5000 people should have.

Now that the Village is complete, what have we got ? A rundown shopping centre, its future development restricted by its landlords. Even our Indian take-away has to operate from a van as there is nowhere else for him to go. No bank and no plans for one. Industrial areas which are an utter disgrace, neglected by landlords interested only in the income accruing from them and giving nothing in return, at the mercy of lorry drivers using it as an overnight stop, churning up soil and concrete and leaving behind their litter. Roads used by these lorries day and night, as well as those who merely equate Bar Hill with Tescos, and a village centre where residents are afraid to go.

It is easy to apportion blame; not least the apathy displayed by most residents of this village, but it is this apathy which has allowed this situation to develop.

How much longer are we to allow Tesco and the District Council to dither and prevaricate over our heads as to the future of **our** village.

How much longer are we to allow the use of Bar Hill as an overnight stop? Yes it keeps the lorries off the roads and out of traditional villages, but should Bar Hill be a sink for the refuse others do not want ?

How much longer are we to tolerate the notion that Bar Hill is a 'development' or a piece of Tesco real estate ?

How much longer has the industrial estate to be an example of squalid industrial development ?

How much longer have our roads to be blighted by day and night traffic which has no place in our village ?

We need:

To tell Tesco what we, the residents, want as part of their future plans. Not just an office for the Parish Clerk, a swimming pool or another football pitch. To be positive, not merely negative, as in the past.

To harangue the County Council into limiting overnight parking in the Village. If Dry Drayton, Madingley or Girton do not have this problem, why should we ?

To identify (name them in the press) the landlords whose indifference makes the Industrial Estate so hideous.

It is our Village, not a piece of Tesco real estate, not a South Cambridgeshire sink, not a 'development' which has gone awry. There are many aspects of Bar Hill of which we can be proud - these are our achievements.

Let us now rise from our apathy to ensure that self-interest, indifference, smug cynicism and hostility by members of District and County Councils and commercial interests do not undermine this.

Let us act and provide, where still possible, the village we envisaged thirty years ago.

The Residents'Association can be this catalyst.

Roger Hall ***780304***

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Dear Editor,

Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust are planning an exhibition to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the NHS in July this year. We are looking for people with old photographs, old pieces of equipment and/or stories connected with Huntingdon Hospital over the last 50 years. Perhaps you can help or you know someone else who can help.

For more details contact:-

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Thought for the Month

Many of the festivals we celebrate in the course of a year have a long and varied history behind them. Mothering Sunday is one of those days. There are several ideas about its original meaning. In the days when young girls would leave home and go into domestic service, Mothering Sunday was a day when they would return home to be with their families. In other times, it was used as the opportunity for people from outlying villages to meet together in their Cathedral, or mother church. Whatever the actual details about its origins, Mothering Sunday is above all a time for family members to remember their love for each other.

It is also a time for us to remember that the church is a family. Jesus spoke about having many brothers and sisters, and being cared for by a loving God. The church, like a family, is a place where people are loved and cared for. I hope that you, and your family, will be able to join us in worship this Mothering Sunday, March 22nd, when we will give thanks to God for our families, and for the great love which he showed for us in his son Jesus.

With my prayers and warm regards.

Anthony Howells

What's happening in School ?

Sat. 7th March - Adult disco - Bar Hill School from 8.00 to 12.00. Licensed bar. Tickets available from School Office - £3.50.

Sat. 28th March - Team Quiz Night - Swavesey VC PTA - 7.30 pm - £5 including supper - bring your own drink & glasses.

Little Acorns Pre-School

Little Acorns is a privately-run Pre-school, where children from 3 years are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of planned educational activities in a friendly, sociable environment.

Our sessions are held in the Church Centre on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. We also have a session in the School Studio on Monday mornings.

There are 3 members of staff at each session, at least 2 with NNEB qualification, and at least one qualified first aider.

To find out more about the wide range of activities we offer or to arrange a visit, please telephone us at any time. Alternatively, registration forms are available in the toddler rooms or the Library.

*Sally Gedny **201074** Deb Benstead **780284***

Under Ones

Babies under one and mums/dads are welcome on Wednesdays in the Church Centre from 10 - 12 noon, for refreshments and a chance to meet other people with young babies. Expectant mums are also welcome. We offer changing facilities, a good selection of toys and a well-stocked library on all aspects of pregnancy and baby care. Contact Emily Lewney, 7 Oatlands Avenue, **781770**

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Prices are low because plants are sold directly from the Nursery.

PTA Bedding Plants

Variety	Colour	Plants/tray	Cost/tray	Total number	Total cost
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Trailing Lobelia	Blue	20	£1.60		
Nemesia	Mixed	15	£1.60		
Ageratum	Blue	15	£1.60		
Mesembryanthemum	Mixed	15	£1.60		
French Marigold	Mixed	15	£1.60		
Petunia	Mixed	15	£1.60		
Tobacco Plant	Mixed	15	£1.60		
Pansy	Mixed	15	£1.60		
Begonia	Mixed	10	£1.60		
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Our general sessions are open to all children aged 2½ to school age. Each session begins with the children sitting together and answering "yes" to the register. This is followed by a brief explanation of the session's topic. The children choose from the activities in our craft room which include painting, cutting out, sand/water play and modelling.

There are also more structured activities including pencil control, basic maths and occasional cooking lessons and excursions. A well-stocked book corner is open for the children to enjoy.

After approximately 45 minutes the session moves across to our play room which is designed to help develop the childrens' agility, co-ordination and imagination through pretend play with a wide range of activity toys/equipment, train set and playhouse. We also have lots of puzzles,games, etc.

This is followed by a shared fruit/drink time. The sessions finish with a story and singing time.

Our session times are:-

Mon, Wed & Thurs.	9.15 - 11.45 am
Tues. 'Play Tots'	9.30 - 11.00am
Tue.	1.00 - 3.30 pm
Friday (Rising 5s)	9.15 - 11.45 am

If you would like to visit Playgroup, please call in at any session. The Playleaders will be happy to show you around and answer any questions. Application forms are available from Playgroup, the Library and our administrator Jenny Dedman **782037** (before 7 pm).

Jumble Sale

Saturday March 14th, 2-4pm, Village Hall. Please look out for the slip which will come through your door. Any uncollected jumble can be left at the Playgroup door on Friday 13th between 8 & 10 pm or on Saturday before midday. Thank you.

Table Top Sale

Saturday April 4th, 2-4 pm Village Hall. An ideal opportunity to sell all those 'bits 'n' bobs' which are just too good to throw away! Please contact Rachel **782719** to book a pitch - £5. Tables will not be provided.

If you are interested in joining the committee to help in the decision making and running of Playgroup please contact Gill Konradt **200238** (Liaison Officer)

Parent and Toddler Group is for children of 12 months to 3 years. Sessions are held in the Church Centre. In each session there will be painting, messy play, sand, large activity toys, puzzles, books and much more. We also have a singing and action time at the end of each session.

Session times:

Mon - Fri mornings 10-11.30
(Wednesday for 12 - 18 month Toddlers only)
Mon & Tue afternoons 1.30-3.00

To find out more, please contact Carin **779062**, note the new phone number. You are welcome to call in and have a chat with supervisors Jo & Mary.

Diary dates:-

Tue. 24th March. Annual General Meeting with refreshments plus talks and demonstrations on Colour Analysis, Aromatherapy and Natural Supplements and the non medical approach to health. Starting at 8pm in the meeting room of the Octagon - All welcome - Please sign noticeboard in Toddlers if planning to attend.

Tue. 7th April. Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt Playday 10.00 - 11.30 am in the Octagon. There will be Easter Crafts, an Egg Hunt and refreshments as well as lots of room to play with the large toys. For the Under 7's. £1.50 including free drinks for the children.

We are also planning more holiday music sessions for the Easter break - watch the Toddler notice board for details.

Thanks to the old committee for all their hard work in the last year and good luck to the new one about to take over!

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Our qualified Pre-school Leaders are Jo and Maggie. If you are interested in a place for your child please call in at any session. Application forms are also available from the Library and Patsie Ostler **201079**. (Before 7pm)

Each term the children learn a different letter, number, colour, item etc. Our topic for this term is patterns. Please encourage your child to bring in something to do with patterns for our topic table. Please also label it with your child's name. We have a "showing time" where your child can show the group a prized possession before it is put away safely until the end of the session.

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Wendy Coppen (Chairperson) ***201003***
(Before 7pm)

Nearly New Sale, 25th April.

Those of you who have conditions forms, please return them. If you don't want to use your seller number this time, please let Lyndsey know (**782994**) so your number can be re-allocated. Please 'phone if you would like a seller's number. We only have a limited amount of numbers available.

It is our **AGM** on Thursday 12th March at 8pm in the Community Lounge of the school. The AGM will be followed by a Body Shop Party and refreshments (payment to be made with orders, so don't forget your cheque books!)

We have 6 Committee members willing to stand, which has secured the future of the Toy Library. Ideally we would like at least two more volunteers to help at sessions between 2 and 4 pm.

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If you would like to join in our competitive games on the Village Green and don't mind spending your Saturday afternoons in the sun, please contact me. We are always on the look out for new talent!

We are starting a youth team this season, and along with regular coaching there will be an opportunity to play in a series of friendly matches. All those budding Michael Athertons and Darren Goughs please contact me!

For anyone wishing to join in behind the scenes, volunteers to help with the afternoon tea interval would be appreciated.

We look forward to some new faces and of course the old ones this year. If you don't want to play just come down to support us, the view from the Social Club is great.

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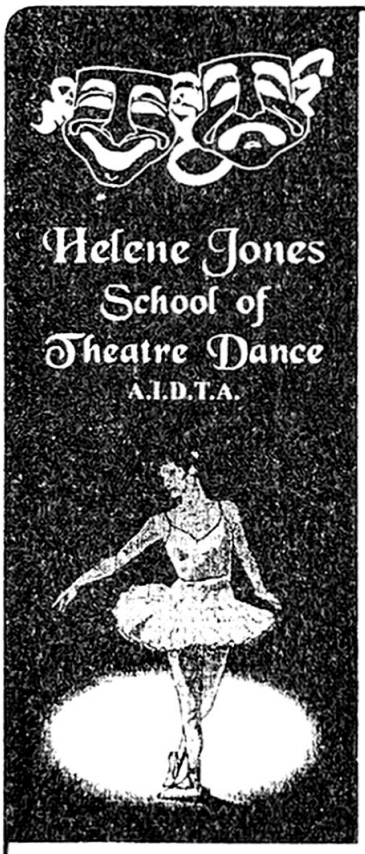

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Fancy Strut	Olivia Haslop, Roxanne Hughes, Sara Honey, Gemma Haslop, Chloe Wright
Military March	Sara Honey, Chloe Wright
Juvenile Group Ribbon	1st Place Prize on the day
Junior Group Ribbon	2nd Place Prize on the day
Majorette Group Ribbon	2nd Place Prize on the day

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If you would like to join - sorry gents - ladies only - please come along to any of our meetings or phone Barbara Page **780933**

BAR HILL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Firstly, it is time for your **Annual General Meeting** on **Monday 23 March** at 8.30 pm. which will be held in the Village Hall. Please make a note for your diary, filofax, personal organizer etc. All positions, Officers and Committee, are up for grabs, so if you feel you have something to offer and would like to serve on behalf of the membership, please fill in the appropriate form on the Notice Board.

Our giant television screen is now fully occupied with a variety of major sporting events. We are currently covering Test Match Cricket, Five Nations Rugby, Coca Cola and F.A. Cup Football and even Curling in the Winter Olympics !

Other social events to look forward to are the celebrations of St. David's Day on 1 March, St. Patrick's Day on 17 March and St. George's Day on 23 April. On the music front we have Nick Picasso on 20th March. Paul Edwards on 24 April.

We are looking forward to another Jazz session in the near future; check the various notice boards for further information. Both our theatre trips, "Les Miserables" and "Miss Saigon" were instant sell-outs, so if you missed out this time all is not lost. Sue will hopefully be arranging more in the future. Perhaps the AGM is a chance to air your views on the entertainment provided and what you would like to see, hear or visit.

Our support for our chosen charity, the Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup, continues with proceeds from our Valentine's night raffle and pancake day sales. Thank you to all who supported the events. Do you fancy your arm behind the bar ? Sue has vacancies for casual weekend staff, (not necessarily regular sessions). If you would like further information please contact Sue, (or Jethro), at the Club on **781955** during opening hours, or just pop in for a chat. (Pay review pending).

In last month's letter, I mentioned the Millennium and an open invite to you to form a small committee to help coordinate events for the rapidly approaching event. More importantly to avoid clashes of events in the Village. To date, we have received positive responses from the Residents' Association and Village Hall Management Committees, as well as receiving much advice over a beer as to what should be done ! It is a once in a lifetime, (indeed once every thousand years), opportunity for us not only to have a party (or parties), but also for the various organizations on the Village to raise money for themselves as well as meet new faces, new members and new friends.

Finally don't forget the AGM on Monday 23 March 1998 at 8.30 in the Village Hall.

Graham Sadler, Chairman

Happy Hours

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How to know when you're getting old

You look forward to a dull evening.
You need glasses to find your glasses
You turn out your light for economy instead of romance
You sit in a rocking chair and can't make it work
Your knees buckle but your belt won't.
Age is a matter of mind - if you don't mind, it doesn't matter!

Thought for the month

Out of the gloom a voice said to me "Smile and be happy, things could get worse". So I smiled and was happy and behold things did get worse.

Too many birthdays can seriously damage your health!

I mentioned in the February issue that we had lost two members, Betty Bridgman and Eric Coniec. Betty Bridgman sadly passed away but I should have said that Vic Koenig, (not Eric Coniec), has now left Happy Hours to return to Germany. Vic was a P.O.W. during the Second World War and afterwards lived, married and worked in this area for many years before returning to Germany. During his visits to our village over the past two years he joined Happy Hours. We were indeed pleased to have him as a member, as he was good company and joined in our activities. We will miss him.

Phyllis Chanell, who we all knew very well, left Happy Hours to go into a home. Having spent some time in hospital she died during February. The Chairperson would like to thank all those members who managed to attend her service at the Crematorium on 16th February. God Bless her: She was indeed a lovely woman, much admired and adored by all members.

5 Day Holiday at Llandudno 20 -25th April

Good news - all has been confirmed. With her usual efficient planning our Chairperson has managed to find room for all the 30 members going. We don't know the exact time of departure from the "Fox" but you can be sure it will be early. We will let you know verbally nearer the time. Have a good holiday but don't forget the ten Holiday Commandments:

1. Thou shalt not expect to find things, as thou hast left home to find things different.

2. Thou shalt not take anything seriously, for a carefree mind is the beginning of a happy holiday.

3. Thou shalt not let thy neighbour get on thy nerves for thou hast paid out good money to have a good time.

4. Thou shalt remember thy Passport at all times, for a man without a Passport is a man without a country.

5. Thou shalt try to say "Gracias" whenever, whatever and to whomever.

6. Thou shalt not compare countries, for there will always be better and there will always be worse.

7. Thou shalt not worry, for he that worrieth hath no fun (and few things are fatal).

8. Thou shalt not judge people of any country, by one person with whom thou hast trouble.

9. Thou shalt when in Rome try to do as the Romans do; if in doubt ------- smile.

10 Thou art a guest in this land, so remember, treat thine host with respect and thou shalt be treated as an honest guest.

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Jim James ***201127***

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Colts Football

This month we focus on our Mini-league teams, particularly the Under 9's. Due to the number of players available, there are two Under 9 teams, ably managed by Stuart Woor (Bar Hill Strikers **780374)** and Paul Davis (Bar Hill Bombers **782536**). Both compete in the Saturday Cambridge Mini-League.

These lads have been getting mixed results, but every week, no matter what the conditions, they turn up for their matches or to train, and the level of enthusiasm is something to admire. I wholeheartedly recommend anyone interested in football to take a look at them on a Saturday morning and you will soon see that within our club we have a marvellous opportunity to maintain a strong base of players for many years to come.

Leading goal scorers for the Strikers, Adam Dean and Mark Woor, have between them notched up 25 goals. In the Colts League teams, the Under 12's have dropped out of the top spot recently. All teams go through a "dodgy" spell now and again and I am sure we will soon see them back to form. The Under 14's continue to do well and should be able to secure a promotion place if they can maintain their current standards. At Under 16 a torrid spell has come to an end; they have now drawn 5 of their last 6 League matches. On 15th February against unbeaten Spartak Youth a very creditable 1-1 draw was achieved, which caused a visiting manager to ask why this team are in a low position within the League - something which has puzzled me for most of the Season!

On 14th February the Colts Valentine Disco attracted over 100 people and was another resounding success. I believe everyone enjoyed themselves - they certainly seemed to, and the Colts managed to boost their funds. Thank you to the Phoenix Disco, the organizers and those who attended.

As the last couple of months of the Season approach, there will be some key games for some of our teams. We wish them all success and hope that some of those "in with a shout" as the saying goes, will achieve the promotion they have worked for all year. Fixtures and results can be viewed in the Cambridge Evening News on Fridays and Mondays respectively.

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Although I live in a community, I travel alone to feed, often covering long distances each night, marking my trail as I go with scent glands on my feet and tail.

My sett is always near water if possible and I need a good supply of bedding, grass or straw, to line the chambers with. My offspring are born after the Winter and usually appear above the ground from April/ May onwards. While I go off alone, my mate takes them to play and look for food, which will help them later, when they leave.

The sett I live in consists of 8 entrances dotted about and tunnels covering some 150 metres underground; that's an awful lot of soil to move around, I can tell you. I also have a series of "satellite" setts scattered around my area which I can stay in if needed.

I like to hear gossip and chat with other badgers, same as the humans do, but a disturbing bit of news was told to me the other day: word has come across from the west country that as many as 20,000 badgers a year are killed by humans working for the government in a bid to get rid of Bovine Tuberculosis in cattle, yet it has never been proved that we give T.B. to cattle. I think myself lucky that I live in this part of the country.

We do occasionally get troubled by humans with dogs trying to get at us or poking sticks down the sett entrances, and sometimes blocking the entrances to the sett to stop foxes getting down them when they're being chased by the humans in red coats and the pack of dogs ..... but it's nothing I can't handle; I am very strong and can see any dog off in a fight, but enough of this, it's starting to get dark outside, I can tell without looking .... my stomach is starting to rumble, I'm hungry again and now I must go and forage for some food. I'll speak to you again - bye!

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Bar Hill Tennis Club

Date for your Diary

AGM 8pm Thursday 26th March 1998 in the Community Lounge at Bar Hill School

Everyone is welcome including existing adult and junior members but particularly anyone who would like to know more about the Club or may be interested in joining.

Membership is available to all residents and we encourage all abilities - our only desire is that everyone enjoys their tennis. So whether you want to play to keep fit (some of us at least try), if you haven't played for years and would like to try again or wish to play more serious tennis do come along to our AGM or contact any Club member (see below). For those who don't know our two new courts are directly behind the School playground on the edge of the Village green.

We aim to start our season during April or maybe sooner if the weather permits - keep an eye out for us at the courts or watch out for details in the Bar Hill News. There is no need to go out of the Village to play tennis !

This year the Lawn Tennis Association is promoting PLAY TENNIS and this will be the largest single tennis event ever staged in this Country. We will be supporting this initiative locally so watch out for details of our local events being held in Bar Hill during the National Week of Tennis from Saturday 23rd May to 30th May.

We look forward to seeing friends old and new at the AGM

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Diary Note

The AGM this year will be on Monday 11th May. We are planning to have a barbecue and other entertainment

Jumble Sale will be Saturday 28th March 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. We will be collecting on Friday 27th. Please note that we do not collect from Hanover Close unless requested to do so by the residents. If you have any queries regarding jumble collections please contact Lynda Ellingham.

Janet Kempson	Lynda Ellingham
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Saturday 4th July. An Independence Day Garden Party. Venue to be announced shortly. Supper will be salmon and salad. Tickets £7.

Sunday 6th September, 4 Hollytrees, by kind invitation of Cllr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds - a lunchtime barbecue. Mr. Robert Sturdy MEP atending. Tickets £7.

Saturday 17th October at 121 Appletrees, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lay, a Curry Evening. Tickets £7. Guest speaker Linda Sutherland on "Life as a Special Constable".

Saturday 5th December at the Octagon - our Christmas Lunch Party. Tickets £8.50. Andrew Lansley CBE MP and Officers of the Association will be attending

Iris Lay 780457.

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Bar Hill Church

Friday 6th March 1998 at 7.30 pm

This year the women of Madagascar have planned the service under the theme:

"Who is my neighbour?"

Men, Women and Young people are all invited to join in the service

Refreshments will be served at 8.15 pm

South Cambridgeshire, North Rural Branch

Liberal Democrats

Diary Dates

7th Mar. **Jumble Sale** at St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road, Cambridge - Starts 10.00 am and finishes at lunchtime. Please contact Tom Flanagan if you have any articles we can sell.

17th Mar. **Policy Group Lunchtime Meeting**. 12.30 pm at the Blue Lion in Hardwick.

20th Mar. **Quiz Night** at Bar Hill Village Hall. Please book early with one of the contacts listed below as this is likely to be very popular. Tickets £5 (to be confirmed) Starts at 7.30 pm

Our Policy Group meetings are a forum for people to discuss current topical issues and Liberal Democrat policies in an informal atmosphere with a view to moulding future national and local policies. All are welcome to attend and there is no charge made.

For further details on the activities of the Liberal Democrats please contact:

Tom Flanagan, D. Councillor ***780571***
Arnold Bloor, Branch Chair ***01223 262899***
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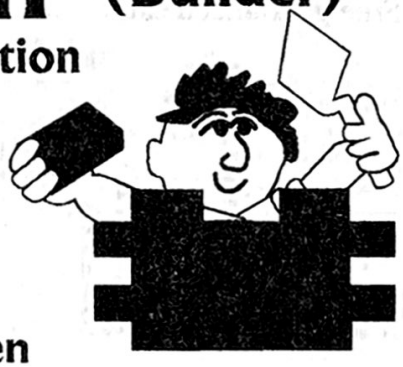

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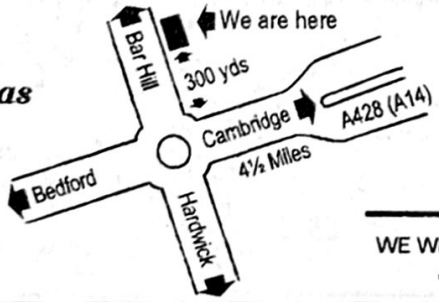

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	6.30 pm	"Open to God"	Leader: Revd G Renison
Fri. 6th	7.30 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	
Sun. 8th	8 am	Holy Communion	
	10 am	Morning Worship Sermon: "Vision of the Future"	Preacher: Bishop Simon Barrington-Ward
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	Preacher: Revd Gary Renison
Sun. 15th	10am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion Sermon: "A Dark Day and A Brilliant End"	Preacher: Revd Gary Renison
	6.30pm	Youth Service	Leaders: Tim Jackson & Roger Wilson
Sun. 22nd	10am	Mothering Sunday Family Service	Preacher: Mrs Jackie Cray
	6.30pm	Quiet Communion	Preacher: Revd Gary Renison
Wed. 25th	10am	Mid-Week Holy Communion	
Sun. 29th	8am	Holy Communion	
	10am	Quaker Service	Leader: Revd Gary Renison
	6.30pm	Worship Workshop	Leaders: Revd Gary Renison & Bob Chappell

There is a Roman Catholic Mass at 6 pm every Saturday

People to Contact-

The Minister:	Revd. Gary Renison	**781629**
Church Secretary:	Miss. Jane Campbell	**789597**

Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

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Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
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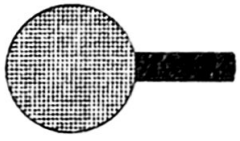
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.



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Complete beginner or more advanced, we would like to have your company

For further information please contact the Club on **01223 242372** or Sandra on **782146**

Diary

Day	Date	Time	Event	Society	Location
Tue	3rd	7.30 - 9.00 pm	The sixty minute marriage		Church
Thu	5th	7.30 pm	Talk	Swavesey Camera Club	SVC
Fri	6th	7.30 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Church	Church
			Messy games	'The Point'	The Church
Sat	7th	8.00 - 12.00 pm	Adult Disco	PTA	School
Mon	9th	8.00 pm	Meeting	Residents' Association	School
Thu	12th	8.00 pm	AGM	Toy Library	School Community Lounge
Fri	13th		Normal Club	'The Point'	The Church
Sat	14th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jumble Sale	Pre-School Playgroup	Village Hall
			Cheese & Wine Party	Conservatives	4 Hollytrees
Mon	16th	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Aromatherapy & Massage demonstration	Womens International Group	Octagon
Tue	17th		St. Patrick's Day	Social Club	Village Hall
Fri	20th		Videos & Popcorn	'The Point'	The Church
		7.30 pm	Quiz Night	Lib. Dems.	Village Hall
		9.00 pm	Nick Picasso	Social Club	Village Hall
Sun	22nd	10.00 am	Family Parade Service - Mothering Sunday	Scouts & Guides	The Church
Mon	23rd	8.30 pm	AGM	Social Club	Village Hall
Tue	24th	8.00 pm	AGM	Parent & Toddlers	Octagon
Thu	26th	8.00 pm	AGM	Tennis Club	School
Fri	27th		Normal Club	'The Point'	The Church
		8.00 pm	Fête Co-ordination meeting	Residents' Association	44 Oatlands
Sat	28th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Jumble Sale	Scouts	Scout Hut
		7.30 pm	Team Quiz Night	Swavesey PTA	Swavesey VC
Thu	26th	7.30 pm	Meeting	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
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Fri	3rd		End of term DISCO	'The Point'	The Church
Sat	4th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Table top Sale	Pre-School Playgroup	Village Hall
Tue	7th	2.00 - 4.00 pm	British Red Cross	Cambridge Osteoporosis Support Group	Dry Drayton Village Hall
		10.00 - 11.30 am	Easter Playday	Parent & Toddlers	Octagon
Thu	23rd		St. George's Day	Social Club	Village Hall
Thu.	**23rd**	**8.30 pm**	**Meeting**	**Neighbourhood Watch**	**Village Hall**
Fri	24th	9.00 pm	Paul Edwards	Social Club	Village Hall
Sat	25th		Nearly new sale	Toy Library	

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Can you spare a few hours occasionally?

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If you are interested in either of these worthwhile ventures, require hearing help advice or wish to know more about the charity please telephone CAMTAD on 01223 460616, preferably in the mornings.

The Village Fête

Saturday 27th June

This year we would like the emphasis to be on fun and community involvement. We are trying to involve as many Village groups and individuals as possible in the actual planning for this event. The basic plans are now going forward, with co-operation from the Social Club, Toy Library, the Playgroups and the Colts and we are hoping to enlarge the range of those involved still further. Please contact Margaret Carpenter **200941** or Gloria Pepper **200730** if you want to share ideas or get details of what has already been decided. Better still, come along to the meeting on Friday 27th March at 8pm at 44 Oatlands !